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A Retrospective Glance.

THE EXODUS MOVEMENT.

Work Accomplished.

Special Correspondence of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 9, 1879.—Our journey from the City of Brotherly Love to this place was in every way an agreeable one. We arrived in the city of Nashville Tuesday morning about 9, hardly having time to reach a place of lodging and repair to the place of opening in time for the organization.

Reaching Liberty Hall we found the Conference assembled with closed doors, and an evident desire on the part of many to go to business without delay, but as usual quite a number were seeking recognition whose titles were insufficient, and for an hour it looked as though the spirit of disorder would mar the peace of the Conference seriously. Wisdom soon prevailed, however, and the Conference proceeded at once to the Capitol and regularly organized in the imposing and magnificent hall of legislation by electing

HON. J. R. LYNCH,

ex-member of Congress, as permanent President in the presence of a large audience. It is hardly too much to say that of all the Southern men of note who have appeared in the public arena since the ballot came into the hands of the colored man, for intelligence, sound judgment and marked common sense I know not his superior, if his equal.

Only to think that this man was a slave in Mississippi up to the hour when the proclamation broke the fetters of the bondman, without having had the least opportunity for book learning, and now only about thirty-five years of age, presiding in a manner that I am sure, if compared with the presiding officers who have usually occupied the Speaker's chair in this hall, would not, I venture to say, suffer in the comparison.

A RETROSPECTIVE GLANCE.

Now, if I may be allowed simply to pause here for a moment and take a retrospective glance at the days of the past, when James. K. Polk was President, and whose remains lie almost within a stone's throw of this hall, and then turn again to the eloquent Lynch and one hundred and twenty-five delegates, most of whom are from the land of slavery, and from this altitude gaze around (for the location of the hall is that of a high eminence), and view that grand and commodious building, Jubilee Hall, Fisk University in one direction, Central Tennessee College for Colored Youths in another, and a little further off the Nashville Institute (theological), also for colored students, you will not wonder if I tell you I was scarcely prepared to realize whether I was dreaming or awake, whether in the spirit-land or in the land among the living.

Amid scenes indicating such marvelous changes in the history of my race, and absorbed with the duties of the Conference, while compelled to meet and recognize many strangers at the various sessions, it has been utterly impossible to furnish as graphic reports as I intended. However, I am now prepared to report that the Conference presents men of much ability, who are deeply interested in the present condition of affairs in the South and the welfare of the race generally. The unlimited number of preparatory resolutions on various subjects borne by these delegates bespeaks thought and action at home. The larger number naturally relate to the exciting

EXODUS MOVEMENT,

and migration generally; by far the larger portion of the Conference came decidedly prepared to express their views in favor of this new departure, I confess I fear with more zeal than judgment, and I was pleased to find quite a number of the able minds taking strong grounds against emigration, believing there is great progress being made and that there is still room for hope and success through education, the attainment of land, more rigid economy, and unfaltering courage.

The sessions have been held daily from 9 till 12 A. M. and from 2 till 6 P. M., during which time the resolutions before the conference were discussed by the anxious and eager members with great vehemence. And not unfrequently a half dozen members claimed at one time their right to the floor in order to present their views.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

Various appropriate committees were appointed—one on an address to the country setting forth the grievances and claims of the colored people with regard to civil rights, education, business, etc.; another on migration, etc.

The Democratic papers which have been represented through their reporters have faithfully noted the proceedings most elaborately, and reported them fairly. After reading paper 8 (which was assigned me for preparation for the conference) I was asked by the reporter of the *Daily American* to allow him to take it to make extracts therefrom, and I have concluded to comply. This much, Mr. Editor, through difficulties, I have been able to send you, with the hope that I may be able to add something more, as we have not yet adjourned.

WM. STILL.

The Kenmore.

We are glad to see by the subjoined from the Little Falls Journal and Courier, that the new enterprise of our genial and hospitable friend, Mr. Adam Blake, of Albany, N. Y., has been successful and is fully appreciated by the public.

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Charity! charity! has been the outcry of our people here, and quite liberal have been the responses by both white and colored. The following appeal has been made:

Inasmuch as the society, known as the Exodus Aid Society, is now in working order and ready to receive donations, the citizens of Chicago are appealed to in the name of charity, to donate clothing or moneys for the aid of the Southern refugees. All donations to be left at, or sent to No. 198 Fourth avenue, in care of the following executive committee: J. W. E. Thomas, chairman; A. C. Brown, John Williams, Charles F. Thomas, James Lawson, Samuel Wright, Robert Gray, W. H. Chauncey, Jackson Sandwich, Charles E. Johnson, C. L. Payne, W. S. Johnson, John D. Washington, W. H. Curd; the Rev. George C. Booth, President; William Bager, Vice President; the Rev. Richard De Baptiste, Treasurer; Richard E. Moore, Recording Secretary; R. M. Hancock, Corresponding Secretary.

An addition of 75 new members has been made to the association, and the work of soliciting both money and clothing is meeting a greater success than was anticipated. A grand union Sunday school concert was given on the 29th ult., under the auspices of the five principal colored schools of the city, succeeding in clearing over $125 for the sufferers. Besides this, there has been upwards of $1200 received from other sources. One gentleman in the Board of Trade (Mr. Armour) collected in one day over $1,000. There is no lack of interest on the part of any who can possibly do anything either in the way of giving or working in this charitable undertaking. Wagon loads of clothing have been forwarded to the general committee at St. Louis, and still the good work goes on.

Mr. D. B. Payton, a well known and highly esteemed young man of this city, and Miss Anna M. Winston, a society belle, also of this city, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock on the evening of the 1st inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, Rev. R. De Baptiste performing the ceremony. The event was quite a pleasant surprise to their many acquaintances and created no small riffle in the society with which they are identified. There were gifts, flowers and congratulations too numerous to mention.

Political matters are quiet and nobody as yet is seriously hurt by the new Democratic administration. As a matter of policy there have been two or three colored men appointed as special officers, bridge tenders, etc., while one or two who previously held similar menial positions have been retained. There is no doubt but that Republicans have felt the mistake made by creating dissension in their ranks, also their old babit of staying at home on election day. Yet this experience is looked upon as being all for the better. More anon.

The colored people here boast of a very finely equipped military organization of citizen-soldiery, which are enrolled in the State militia as the Sixteenth Battalion Illinois National Guard. Shall give a brief sketch of it in my next. Adieu

WESLEY.

May 5th, 1879.

The Race Movement.

Without taking a rose-colored view of a question which we have always maintained require time for its settlement, the Vicksburg convention is the faint beginning of an inevitable movement in the South for a better understanding and for better practical relations between the races. Circumstances which men cannot control have prevented even the beginning of the movement before. Besides the constraining influences of national politics, the errors of the white people, carrying many of the opinions formed concerning slaves into the new relations, the ignorance of the black people and their distrust of the whites, the mistakes of both races, admitted by the resolutions adopted by the Vicksburg convention, have prevented unity in dealing with common interests. The movement has begun and it will not stop. The wealth and intelligence of the white race have met with the leading representatives of the colored race, and the result has been a formulation of differences and a suggestion of remedies. In this first effort to devise measures of concert and a basis of future relations on which must depend the prosperity of the South, perhaps the exact causes, the precise evils and the proper remedies have not been reached, but they will be reached and must be reached. If all white men were as frank and as much disposed by an intelligent appreciation of their own interests and by a disposition to do justice as those who framed and adopted the Vicksburg resolutions, and if all the black men were as intelligent, moderate and frank as Hon. J. R. Lynch, of Mississippi, showed himself in his speech in the Tennessee conference, we should be justified in a sanguine hope of rapid progress. The facts are not that way. Both races include ignorance, prejudice, lawlessness, the vicious and the corrupt. Progress made with this dead weight to carry cannot be rapid.

The moral and intelligent of the two races would not be long in finding common ground to stand on. Unfortunately, as in all progress the moral and intelligent have to blaze the way, and then draw the car of progress with the lower intelligence, the lower morality, the viciousness, and blindness and prejudice and short-sightedness, which are continual brakes on the wheels of progress.

Hon. J. R. Lynch said Tuesday: "If our labor is valuable, then it should command respect. If we receive this respect, if our rights and privileges are accorded, doing all we can to improve our conditions, I feel that we should live together. Further than that, at least, we should not go. If the colored man can receive that treatment, consideration and respect he is entitled to under the law in the South, the South is the place for him. If not, he is justified in receiving it where he can. Then let us go calmly, dispassionately, and when all classes begin to see their mistakes, perhaps all will come together, heal up all past differences, conceding the rights of all, and continued peace and harmony and good will and friendship will prevail, and the South will prosper."

If he had said less, he would have been unfit to represent his people. If he had said more, it might have indicated an unsafe leader. It is the exact truth and recognition of that truth brought the wealthy, intelligent planters and leading men of Mississippi together at Vicksburg. The prosperity of the South is involved in the issue. The enjoyment of all rights under the law, and the according to labor that respect to which its value entitles it on a plain business ground, the Vicksburg convention has recognized. The white people there, by taking the lead, have shown a sense of the responsibility resting upon superior advantages of wealth, intelligence and social position. A people who boast of superiority must show it by taking the lead and awarding that which is not so much demanded by the other race as it is incumbent on the white race. To secure the rights of, and to do, justice to the weak is a duty resting on the strong. It is duty demands—and interest too—and not the black people. That duty the Vicksburg convention pledges itself to discharge. The white people must discharge that duty without regard to the errors and mistakes and distrust of the black race. The one boasts superior intelligence and power, and hence the duty to exercise the utmost charity towards those who must be expected for a long time to err continually in judgment and in knowledge of the situation and in exaggerated demands. The black race has made rapid progress in education, but it must for a long time, through poverty alone, if nothing else, occupy a position of inferior intelligence, while it will naturally conceive itself, as is usual with the newly learned, the possessor of all there is to be known. For this very reason it should not be forgotten that upon superior intelligence and education rests a higher responsibility.

While we cannot consent to excite undue hopes of progress in either race, while we recognize the difficulties and the obstacles which will render progress very slow, we can see the signs of promise in the Vicksburg convention, in the position of leading citizens, in the coincidence—which always exists—between the highest morality and the great interests involved, and in such calm and dispassionate and yet manly utterances as that of Mr. Lynch. Nor should we see anything to excite apprehension of failure in fierce Bourbon speeches on one side, or ignorant, bitter and incendiary speeches on the other. These things are to be expected on both sides yet, and they will occur. All that should be expected is the slow working together of the wealth, intelligence and morality of the white people, and the co-operation of the calm and more intelligent and moderate colored leaders. In due time, but not rapidly, these influences will accomplish great results.—*Nashville American.*

The Democrats have run against two snags in the shape of Presidential vetoes. They have accomplished no good whatever in the way of financial relief for the country. They have made an unenviable reputation in this special session of Congress. They could have joined with the Nationals and labored to some purpose in favor of the suffering people. Their record is made. The Democratic party in Congress is humiliated, disgraced beyond repair. It is impotent. It is dead. It stinks.—Indinapolis Sun.

THE comments of the press, from every quarter, on the work of the Nashville Conference, are very flattering. Such gatherings, if productive of no greater good than to give evidence of the mental advancement of the race, would be worth the while. The Negro of the United States is known to his white fellow citizens only in the darker phases of his nature aggravated by the debasing influence of slavery. As with time we throw off these sombre garments and assert, by display of intelligence and virtues in general, our status of equal manhood, the whites will both wonder and feel ashamed that they have cruelly weighted us down with impediments to our elevation. We will, perhaps, in our next, reproduce the sayings of the press on the Conference.

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DEMANDS for sample copies of the LOUISIANIAN are becoming entirely too numerous. We can't afford it, friends.

In its harvest work, the Democratic party finds that the veto Hayes is the meanest kind of crop to gather.

AMONG our advertisements will be found a notice from the Postmaster General to contractors, to which we invite special attention.

The Hon. Jas. S. Hinton, will please accept our thanks for a copy of his address before the Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana.

Hendricks says he will not again play second fiddle to Tilden. Well, when did he become possesed of "bar'ls" to feel so independent?

Negroes are imprisoned in Virginia and Indiana for intermarriage with the whites. And yet for all that the work of bleaching darkly goes on in the Old Dominion.

The heats of Summer will bring a mule down on his fours when the hits of a sound hickory will only enable him to indulge in his native propensity to hit back with his hind feet.

The speech of Rev. Mr. Dale in Lafayette Square on Thursday night was sound and sensible. It discovers him to be a thinker who, had he chosen to follow public life, would have made a decided sccess.

SINCE his return to Washington, from New York where he went to see how the political land lay, Congressman Carlisle, of Kentucky, has been telegraphed from that city to *"let the army go"* without appropriation. This is not the first time the Democrats have wished the army gone to a place said to be hotter than a battle field.

OUR big, good-natured friend, Col. Bob Harlan, of the "Paris of America," commonly called Cincinnati, has been interviewed by the *Commercial* of that city about the exodus and matters generally in the South. In some parts of his statement he mixed up places, names and persons with a freedom which entitles his interview to be declared a first-class jumbolaya. Colonel, be a little more careful next time or we'll be compelled to invest in a small map of Louisiana for your special benefit. Thanks for the paper sent.

A Mistake.

It is common to charge the whites in the late Vicksburg Convention with insincerity in their declaration of principle and sentiment in that gathering. That their record gives abundant cause for such criticism cannot be denied; and that the most, if not all of the persons and journals which indulge in this suspicion are honest in it may be equally true. There is a point however where the whites, bad as they have been and may yet be, are to be trusted under the force of an exigency which has not hitherto disturbed the quietness of their relations with the Negro. The many shifts and expedients to which the white people of the South have resorted to evade the new responsibilities imposed on them by an entire change of the social fabric, simply proves that they are intensely human even to their own undoing. However strong may be our belief in this depravity of Southern human nature, founded on painful observation, we think that nature is disposed to take a new and right departure under the powerful influence of selfish interests which are jeopardized by the exodus. If the crisis bearing on the South does not suffice to call out all her better parts to avert the danger, we shall despair of the future. It is this very situation on which we are justified in the hope that the action of the Vicksburg Convention will find a responsive chord in the breast of the better and influential classes of the whites in the South. An article from the Nashville *American* reproduced on our first page is the harbinger of the new ideas which any sane person may reasonbly expect, will hereafter obtain in the South. That the whites have often promised freely only to deceive our people is true, but this does not weaken our position; for the present crisis admits of no trickery, but calls rather for prompt and effective manifestation of good faith. The culmination of the crisis arising from the exodus will be after the gathering of this years' crops and the next election. Should the resolutions and speeches at Vicksburg be then belied, the doubts and fears now expressed of their honesty will operate rapidly to the work of depopulating the plantations. But till such a time, we are bound by every consideration of policy, and by an abiding faith in the motive power of selfish interests to credit the whites in the Vicksburg Convention with the will to carry out their pledges to the mutual satisfaction of both races. We therefore regard it a serious mistake on the part of our people to prejudge adversely the results likely to flow from the Vicksburg Convention.

TRULY "death loves a shining mark!" It is with pain we are called on to chronicle the death of Mrs. Thomas J. Dorsey, of Philadelphia. In a fit of apoplexy she succumbed to the last enemy at her residence No. 1231 Locust Street, the 14th inst, in the sixty-fourth year of her age. Her home was notable even in the refined circles of the Quaker City for its elegant surroundings, warm hospitality and genial attractions which she and her amiable daughter, Mrs. Harlan, had the cleverness of cultivating to a high degree. The many Louisianians who have visited Philadelphia and have been the guests of the deceased, will unite with us in paying this humble tribute to her many excellencies. The chaste society of color in that city will severely feel the loss of Mrs. Dorsey as one of its resplendent jewels. Though expressions of condolence are at the best weak mockeries of the grief of the bereaved, we sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Harlan in the departure of their beloved parent to the spirit land.

THE friends of the great financier, Sherman, have disavowed for him the intention of running for Governor of Ohio. Having "fixed his fences," he has returned to Washington to the infinite relief of President *pro tem.* of the Senate, Thurman.

The Virginia Miscegenation Case.

Edward Kinny, a colored man, is imprisoned in Virginia for having married a white woman, contrary to the laws of that State. He applied to the U. S. District Court for a writ of *habeas corpus*, on the plea that his imprisonment is violative of the fourteenth amendment. In refusing the writ, District Judge Hughes says:

"The ninth section of chapter 104 of the Code of Virginia provides that 'no man shall marry his mother, grandmother, stepmother, sister, daughter, granddaughter, half-sister, aunt, son's widow, wife's daughter or her grandmother or stepmother, brother's daughter or sister's daughter.' The tenth section of the same chapter provides that no woman shall marry within degrees correlative with those defined in the ninth section. Among still other inhibitions of marriage the same Code, in the first section of chapter 105, provides that "all marriages between a white person and a negro, and all marriages which are prohibited by law on account of either of the parties having a former wife or husband then living, shall be absolutely void without any decree of divorce or other legal process.'"

It is a fair inference that this inhibition of intermarriage between whites and blacks is classed with the prohibitions emanating from nature, because *contra bonos mores*. For, if intermarriage is forbidden, as the learned Judge maintains, by the laws of Virginia in no spirit of discrimination against either race, and consequently, in conformity with the fourteenth amendment, why have the laws of Virginia placed it on a footing with marriages forbidden by nature among people of the same race, on account of the unhappy issue of such unions?

If it be repugnant to the statutes of Virginia to sanction marriages within certain degress of consanguinity, because contrary to nature, then intermarriage between whites and blacks classed with the former must be subject to like condemnation We hold that there is no *natural* feeling of repulsion in marriage between the two races; and had we any doubt of our position, we would be willing to test it by that rule of moral reasoning which affirms that in all cases of doubtful morals, the effect determines the kind of moral. Marriage in itself is a mere systematic form for the good regulation of society. The living together constitutes the life and spirit of the real relation of husband and wife; and it is this relation, however clandestine it may be, we invoke to settle the nature of the question at issue. Nowhere in these Southern States have white men lived with colored women more plainly and commonly than in the Old Dominion. The handsome and intelligent colored people, the off-spring of such relations, for which that State is famous, proves forcibly the fact that nature and nature's laws have placed no barrier to such loves. And while we say it with regret, that our women have been the social sufferers thereby, still the casuist can find no transgression of the great unwritten law in the practical union of white and black. If, therefore, intermarriage between the races is not prohibited in equity, it follows that it is a natural right, and as such is within the Constitution, unless specially prohibited. If it is not embraced within the purview of the Federal organic law, then is not the natural right of freedom now guaranteed by it to all classes to be found therein, whenever it suits the caste prejudice of a State to enact a law that whites and blacks who enter her domain together do so on pain of imprisonment. This law of Virginia and the distorted view of the Federal Constitution taken by Judge Hughes are a relic of slavery.

No amount of tergiversation will induce us to believe that the learned Judge interpreted the law in the catholic spirit of a free and enlightened mind. The bugbear of "social equality" which, with Virginia, is more in the breach than in the observance, warped his mind too completely to enable him to render a becoming decision. We care nothing for the marriage of white and black. In fact as long as unreasoning prejudice holds sway, we rather think no colored man who respects himself would care to take one of the other race as a partner. But we *do* care to see every law which reminds us of slavery on the statute book of every State removed.

THE Nashville *American* was fair and kind in its reports of the proceedings of the late National Conference of colored men at Nashville.

But since the adjournment of the Conference it has opened its columns to the publication of a scurilous attack ostensibly written by a vicious and disappointed old fraud who, chargrined at his failure to monopolize the time and control the Conference, now seeks to bring it in disrepute.

This action on the part of the *American* is in keeping with the general conduct of Southern Democratic papers. They never fail to applaud assaults made upon colored men by a coloerd man no matter how base the motive that actuates him or how unworthy the individual.

While at the Conference we heard one of the delegates remark that jack-leg preachers were one of the greatest drawbacks the race had to encounter; that the credulous veneration of the colored women in the country for the godly professions of these frauds often induce them to kill their last laying hen to feed them, and hoped the Conference would take some action to protect the people against their ravages. Since the recent extraordinary conduct of one of Nashville's jack-leg preachers, we are inclined to the opinion the delegate spoke wiser than he knew, and we advise the good people of Nashville to take immediate steps for the suppression of her jack-leg preachers, if she values her good name.

Summary Constitutional Convention.

The Constitutional Convention is making haste slowly. From the minute care given to the consideration of every matter submitted to them, by the various committees, there is very little danger that the Convertion will be apt to adopt any measure of questionable good to the public. The report of the committee on apportionment has been adopted, leaving the representation of the State as it now is. Limitation of the powers of government is still under discussion, and to all appearances is likely to furnish food for many more speeches yet. The election contest of Rivet *vs.* Augustin has been decided to the ousting of the sitting member (Augustin), and the ordering of a new election to take place next week. In the debate or this contest, ex-Gov. Warmoth made a humorous speech in a very happy vein which many Democratic partisans mistook for an assault on native Louisianians. That Mr. Warmoth was at times keenly sarcastic on the assumed superior virtues of the Democrats of the State was evident; but that any partisan could have supposed he reflected on the people as such, only shows that the democracy has, by repeated assumption of the right, come to believe that *it* constitutes the people. Should the Convention make no further headway henceforth than it has so far, it bids fair to snatch the palm of a long session from the Rump Parliament of Cromwell's day.

HON. DAVID YOUNG, delegate to the Constitutional Convention from Concordia parish, who came near being driven out of the State in the last State election, seems to have rendered valuable service to his parish in the late attempted stampede of the labor element from it.

In an interview published in last Saturday's *Picayune*, referring to what he accomplished in the late troubles, says:

"I never felt prouder in my life! I feel prouder of that than anything I can do in the Convention. If I hadn't gone up there, there would not have been 400 blacks left out of a population of 13,000, and in fact the parish would have been depopulated."

At the request of the Emigration and Relief Committee created by the late colored Convention in this city, a meetting was held at Lafayette Square on Thursday last to hear the views of ex-Gov. Foote, on the absorbing theme of the exodus. Rev. Dr. Thompson, President of the Emigration Committee, after the organization of the meeting, gave a brief and succinct report of the delegation from this city to the Vicksburg Convention. Rev. Dr. Newman followed with a denial of the charge that was circulated here that the delegates had "sold out." We think this was wholly unnecessary, "for there was nothing to sell," and the character of the delegation precluded such a thought. If two of the delegates who had been lond in their advocacy of unconditional emigration had not gone to Vicksburg under the auspices of the Cotton Exchange, this foolish talk of "selling out" would not have been heard; but even these two gentlemen are free of such a charge. The address of Gov. Foote was a practical and dispassionate view of the exodus; the duties of the whites in the premises to allay the unrest by a searching investigation of the wrongs complained of, and a systematic application of the proper remedies. The ex-Gov. was often applauded by the appreciative audience made up mainly of colored people. Senator Landry, the chairman and others followed in addresses. The meeting was throughout orderly, and numbered about one thousand persons.

KANSAS.

The following letter comes from a well-known colored citizen of Kansas, whose honor and integrity are unquestionable. The plain statements he makes about Kansas and the colored emigrants flocking thither, commend his letter to the careful reading of those who expect to leave for that State. Let them first see their way clear and then go ahead:

ATCHISON, May 18th, 1879.

EDITOR OF LOUISIANIAN:

Having been a constant reader of your valuable paper, we heartily approve the manly course it has pursued, especially upon the emigration question. Kansas has enough and to spare of unskilled labor. We want mechanics, we want tradesmen, we want men of means to come into our State and take up lands and become tax payers and help to build up the State.

Kansas is adapted to stock raising and to the production of grain. It is a grain country. Cotton will not grow here, so that emigrants coming here from the South skilled only in the production of cotton and sugar cane, will be a failure. They know nothing of our system of farming.

Kansas farmers are men of moderate means, and generally do their own work, so that labor is never in great demand. The government lands are out on the frontier counties generally, and from fifty to one hundred miles from timber. Parties setling upon these lands must have money to buy wood and other necessaries for the susienance of life. They must have a good two horse team or an ox team to break up the land preparatory for nsing; unless they have these necessaries they will suffer. It is nonsense to believe that the government is going to give a mule or anything of the kind. Any person circulating such a report among the colored people of the South, ought to be hung to the nearest tree. Of the 8.000 colored people who have come into the State during the last four months, a very few have been able to settle upon government lands. The balance have been distributed among the several counties. They are in some instances scattered hundreds of miles apart, and as they are very ignorant it is fair to presume that they will never be able to find their friends and relatives again. We have had landed at our wharf 300 of these poor, ignorant, penniless and dejected people. They were very dirty and ragged and in a destitute condition. They were cared for by our people irrespective of party, creed or nationality. Of this number 75 remain in the city, the balance have been sent to other counties and cities where their labor is in a great demand. During the last 18 months we have had squads of Kentuckians coming into our city. They seem to be a better set, more intelligent, more industrious than those coming from the South. These Kentuckians do not come among us as beggars and paupers, so that upon the whole they are more a blessing than a curse. I see that Mr. Rugle of your city is here and is registered at the Otis house. He comes for the purpose of carrying back such as are willing to go—he paying their fare. I presume that there are several who have been convinced ere this, that Kansas is not the promised land they are looking for. I am very sorry for these poor deluded people. The sole cause is the kind of religion they practice, and the only remedy is education.

H. O. B.

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THE Pride of Louisiana Lodge, G. U. O. O. F., will give their sixth annual pic-nic, at the Oakland Riding Park, on Friday, the 30th inst. We acknowledge thanks for a ticket of invitation.

THE Young Men and Ladies' Good Intent Social and Debating Club will give a joint pic-nic, at the Magnolia Garden, on Monday, the 26th instant. We are under obligations for a ticket of invitation.

THE pic-nic of the St. Philip's sabbath school at the Orleans Park, last Saturday, was a pleasant pastime for the young folks. Under the shade of huge live oaks they dangled in swings and capered around to their heart's content.

THE Americus Club has reorganized with the election of Jas. D. Kennedy as president. The organization contemplates a complimentary pic-nic some time early next month. The many friends of the old organization will no doubt read this notice with pleasure.

SOME of the young men are growing oppressively boresome, by a continual repitition of the incidents, etc., attending a few unsubstantial successes. Discretion is greatly needed, and prudence should be strictly observed during their future meanderings, or else the triumphs may pale into shadowy nothings.

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